

TWO ROUTES FOR THE CANAL

Offer of French Company Viewed With Suspicion by Congress.

ARGUE QUESTION ALL DAY

REPRESENTATIVES ENGAGE IN LONG DISPUTES.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The first note of the contest between the Nicaragua and Panama routes for the isthmian canal were heard in the senate today. Mr. Morgan offered and secured the adoption of a resolution which indicated his purpose to have the committee, on interoceanic canals inquire into the relations alleged to exist between the transcontinental railroad companies of the United States and Canada and the Panama Canal company.

In explanation of the resolution Mr. Morgan declared that the alleged relations were a "wicked monopoly," which had already cost the people of the Pacific coast millions of dollars. The relations involve the control by the Panama Canal company of the Panama Railroad company and the agreement existing between certain of the United States railroads and the Pacific Mail Steamship company.

The debate on the Nicaraguan bill in the house was opened today by Mr. Hepburn, chairman of the interstate and foreign commerce committee, which reported the bill. For two hours he held the floor, replying to a volley of questions concerning the recent offer of the Panama Canal company to sell its property and franchises to the United States for \$40,000,000.

He pointed out what he claimed was the suspicious circumstances that the Panama company had offered to sell the canal for \$40,000,000 at the time it was declared before the holiday recess to consider the Nicaragua bill and then suddenly dropped the price to \$40,000,000.

Mr. Hepburn pointed out the advantages of the Nicaragua route for sailing vessels, account of the better winds prevailing there, contending that it was a mile a day to the sailing ships.

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WOMEN GOVERNORS ARE CASES OF DEATH

Society Women Sacrifice Lives on Altar of Fashion.

MRS. GAGE WAS ONE OF THEM

HER FATAL ILLNESS CAUSED BY DECOLLETTE DRESS.

(Special Correspondence.)
Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—Society leaders are seriously considering a dress reform of evening costume, especially when worn at dinners. The decollette gown is destructive of vitality unless the temperature of the rooms where it is worn can be regulated. Lusty, healthy men come in from the open air warmly clad and complain of the heat.

Ambassadors, envoys, army and navy officers are even more warmly clad than civilians. These uniforms are very thick, and politeness requires that they should remain buttoned up to the neck, which is usually enclosed in a very thick collar. Men, therefore, sit at the table with at least three thicknesses of cloth protecting their arms and shoulders from the draft. Women's shoulders and arms are bare, and yet the temperature of the room is the same. The result is that the women are the guests of honor and grow purple in the summery air of a lady's dining room it is only courtesy to relieve him from apoplexy, even if his hands reveal imminent danger of pleurisy.

May Change Styles.
At the last meeting of the cabinet ladies of the White House this question was discussed. Many of the official hostesses desire to introduce a change in the style of evening dress. Light silk or wool made with enameled sleeves and daintily trimmed with lace. A coat which met the approval of the ladies in one worn by the royal consorts of the United States, Catherine of Braganza, in "Nell Gwynne."

It is of broadened silk with a tight-fitting back and falls loosely; dolman shape, which can be easily dropped from the shoulders and yet is handy to adjust. Dinner giving is the most popular form of Washington entertainments. In the official circle the women are in the fashion of the day. Decollette exposure is dangerous.

The illness of the lamented Mrs. Gage and also the first Mrs. Harrison was attributed by their families to colds caught at state dinners.

Realized the Danger.
Mrs. Gage frequently complained of this danger and the ladies of the cabinet are mindful of her warnings. Mrs. Roosevelt, although robust, is not adverse to this innovation.

One lady suggests that hostesses place on the back of each lady's chair a scarf or dainty but warm shawl until the fashion of the Queen Catherine coat becomes a vogue. While the ladies are complaining of the danger of the decollette exposure, the danger of the decollette exposure is being discussed.

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